

**REMARKS**

Claims 7-14, 25, 26, 37-39, 44 and 51-52 are pending in this application.

***Drawing Objections***

The Patent Office objected to the drawings for failure to show every feature, including the matrix of reinforcing ribs.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection, however, the case has been placed in condition for allowance and thus claims including a matrix of reinforcing ribs have been canceled.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The Patent Office rejected claims 18-19, 33, 40-41 and 47 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

Claims 18-19, 33, 40-41 have been canceled, hence, the rejection is now moot.

Claim 47 has been amended and is believed definite.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The Patent Office rejected claims 15, 27 and 36 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Fiora et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,877,938.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The Patent Office rejected Claim 16 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fiora et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,877,938, in view of McMiller et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,194,653.

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The Patent Office rejected Claims 17, 18, 29, 40-41, 48 and 50 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hobbs et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,877,938, in view of Fiora et. al. and McMiller et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,194,653.

The Patent Office rejected Claims 19, 30 and 43 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hobbs et al., as modified, as applied to claim 18 above, and further in view of Casebolt, U.S. Patent No. 6,437,980.

The Patent Office rejected Claims 20-24 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hobbs et al., in view of Anderson.

The Patent Office rejected Claim 28 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hobbs et al., in view of Fiora et al.

The Patent Office rejected Claims 31-33 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fiora et al., in view of Buican et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,373,690.

The Patent Office rejected Claims 34-35 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fiora et al., in view of Benck et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,191,544.

The Patent Office rejected Claim 49 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fiora et al.

The Patent Office rejected Claims 42 and 45-46 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hobbs et al., as modified, as applied to claim 17 above, and further in view of Hulick et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,825,626.

Applicant respectfully traverses all rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102 and 35 U.S.C. 103, however, Applicant has placed the claims in condition for allowance as indicated by the Patent Office to hasten prosecution of the application.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

The Patent Office stated that claims 7-14, 37-39 and 51-52 are allowed.

Thank you.

The Patent Office indicated claims 25-26 and 44 were objected as being dependent upon an allowable base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 25-26 and 44 have been amended and placed in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Patent Office indicated claim 47 would be allowable if the 35 U.S.C. 112 rejection was overcome and the claim was rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 47 has been amended to overcome the 35 U.S.C. 112 rejection and placed in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

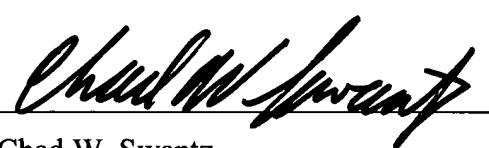
### CONCLUSION

The application is respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, notification to that effect is earnestly solicited. In the event the indication of allowability is withdrawn, applicants reserve the right to amend the claims back to the original form for further prosecution, without prejudice, disclaimer or estoppel. In the event that issues arise in the application that may readily be resolved via telephone, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned Attorney at (402) 496-0300 to facilitate prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,  
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